

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Women Development & Child Welfare Department – Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former Child Development Project Officer, and retired ACDPO, Kunavaram, Khammam District - Allegations of misuse of SNP food and certain financial and administrative irregularities etc. - Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule – 20 of the A.P.Civil Services [CCA] Rules– Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS [ESTT. – A2]

G.O.Ms.No. 7

Dated 20th April, 2013
Read the following:-

01. Director of Women Development and Child Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Rc.No.1208/E2/99, dated 06-05-2001.
02. Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, CDPO, ICDS Project, Mallial, Karimnagar District, explanation dated 21-06-2001.
03. Commissioner of W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Proceedings No.1208/Vig.2/99, dated 20-01-2004.
04. Enquiry Report dated 14-10-202004 submitted by the Enquiry Officer i.e. Deputy Director [Procurement] O/o Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
05. Show Cause Notice No.1208/Vig.2/99, dated 09-03-2005 issued by the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
06. Explanation dated 22-04-2005 submitted by Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Mallial, Karimnagar District..
07. From the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.1208/Vig.2/99, dated 16-04-2007.
08. Government Memo.No.2196/Estt.A2/2007, dated 02-06-2007.
09. From the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.1208/Vig.2/1999, dated 15-06-2007.
10. Govt. Memos.No.2196/Estt.A2/2007, dated 14-05-2008, 06-06-2008, 14-07-2008, 04-08-2008 and 31-01-2009.
11. Govt. D.O.Letters No.2196/Estt.A2/2007, dated 20-05-2009, 29-06-2009, 09-11-2009, 31-12-2009, 08-03-2010, 19-04-2010, 03-10-2011 and 08-10-2012.

ORDER: -

The Director, Women Development and Child Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, in his letter 7th read above, has stated that consequent to publishing of adverse news item and in pursuance of Joint Director [Prog.] report regarding misuse of SNP food and certain administrative irregularities, disciplinary action was launched against Smt.V.Sarojini, former CDPO, Mallial, Karimnagar District under Rule – 20 of the A.P.Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal] Rules, 1991 by issuing the following Articles of Charges vide reference 1st read above: -

1. That Smt.V.Sarojini, CDPO, ICDS Project, Mallial, is responsible for pilling up of a large number of CSB Bags and SSO tins without distributing to the AWCs. This shows her gross negligence in her duties, due to which there is an interruption in feeding programme which is life and vital programme of the ICDS Scheme.
2. That she has paid the honorarium of AWWs for 12/97 to 1/98 on 16-04-1998 with a delay of 3 ½ months though she is supposed to pay the honorarium of AWWs on the first day of every succeeding month along with the salaries of the staff.
3. That she has no control over the staff and maintenance of office records is very poor.

4. That she failed to maintain the cash book and U.D Pay Register since 15-07-1998 to 12-08-1999 i.e. more than one year and thus failed to discharge her duties as a D.D.O., which is a very serious lapse.
2. In the reference 2nd read above, Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, ICDS Project, Mallial, Karimnagar District, has submitted her explanation, denying all the charges and requested to drop further action in the matter.
3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, have issued orders, appointing Smt.Naazneen Banu, Deputy Director [Procurement], O/o Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, under sub – rule (2) of Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S [CCA] Rules, 1991, as Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.
4. In the reference 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer had submitted report and held that the Charge No.I and II are held proved and the Charge Nos. III and IV are not held proved.
5. In the reference 5th read above, the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, issued Show Cause Notice to the Charged Officer, directing her to explain as to why a punishment under Rule – 9 of A.P.C.S [CCA] Rules, 1991 should not be imposed against her for the charges held proved and also directed to submit her representation, if any on the proposed action within 15 days from the date of acknowledgement. Meanwhile, the Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation w.e.f. 31-07-2006.
6. In the ref. 6th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted her explanation to the Show Cause Notice issued to her, denying the Charge No.1 & II, which were held proved by the Enquiry Officer and requested to treat the said two charges as not proved and drop the further action, taking a lenient view in the matter.
7. The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, has therefore, requested the Government to take further course of action in the matter.
8. In the circumstances of the case, Government have examined the matter and taking a lenient view, decided to conclude the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, Retired C.D.P.O., and formerly CDPO, ICDS Project, Mallial, Karimnagar District, by dropping further action, considering that Charge – I does not involve financial irregularity, and as the Charged Officer has already retired from service.
9. Accordingly, further action in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, Retired CDPO and formerly C.D.P.O., I.C.D.S.Project, Mallial, Karimnagar District, vide ref.1st read above, is hereby dropped.
10. The Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

NILAM SAWHNEY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
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